

# THE WHITES MUST SET THE EXAMPLE MUST AT LEAST SHOW CIVILIZATION

THE National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is making a strenuous campaign not only to turn the thoughts and activities of the race into right channels, but to direct the mind of the white brother into channels of real help.

One of the most telling circulars sent out by this organization recently refers to the burning of a negro—"civilized" white people at Hattiesburg, Miss. Without comment, fac-similes of newspaper accounts of the lynching and of the deliberate plans for the lynching, are printed.

What a terrible indictment of a civilized people, where one crime is "atoned" by the commission of another; where the crime of a passion-craved brute is punished by the cool, deliberate murder of the criminal by men who call themselves civilized and humane; by men who hold themselves as examples in a community, as leaders in civilization, and expect to be emulated by their black neighbors.

Murder? It is nothing more. See what the Hattiesburg correspondent telegraphs to his paper, the Jackson, Miss., Daily News, of June 26:

"John Hartfield, the negro alleged to have assaulted an Ellenville young woman, has been taken to Ellenville and is guarded by officers in the office of Dr. Carter in that city. He is wounded in the shoulder, but not seriously. The officers have agreed to turn him over to the people of the city at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when he is expected to be lynched. The negro is said to have made a partial confession."

And read what the governor says—told in the same dispatch:

"When Gov. Bilbo was shown the above dispatch and asked what action, if any, he intended to take to prevent the affair, he said:

"I am powerless to prevent it. We have guns for state militia, but no men. It is impossible to send troops to the scene for the obvious reason that we have no troops."

Sounds like a social affair, from the same dispatch:

"A committee of Ellenville citizens has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the event, and the mob is pledged to act in conformity with these arrangements."

Murder? Murder is a crime premeditated, whether there may be cause for it or not. Read what the correspondent of the New Orleans States sends to his paper on June 26 from Ellenville, Miss.:

"As 4 o'clock approaches, John Hartfield, assailant of the Ellenville white girl, is being carefully guarded in the office of Dr. Carter of this city.

"The wounded negro has confessed and seems very nervous."

"Discussion has broken out among the indignant citizens as to what disposition should be made of the prisoner."

"It is said the negro will be taken to the scene of his crime, near the Ellenville railroad tracks, where he attacked Miss Meek, and will be stood up where everybody can see him."

"Some of the angry citizens, it is said, want Hartfield lynched, while others want him burned."

But this is not the worst. Now comes the news that two white men attempted to assault two negro girls, and because an aged negro man defended the girls and shot one of the white brutes, he was taken from jail and lynched upon the spot.

Whites cannot expect an improvement in the negro race, no matter how much the improvement may be needed, in any section or district, until they learn to control their own passions; until they learn to quit acting as madmen and to act with justice and with sanity.

Who would first demand respect for the law, whether it is the law of God or the law of the state or nation, must first show a respect for the law.

On the other hand, the negroes of the country who know anything at all, must know that such talk as that brought out by their members in New York Sunday will never improve their cause or get them anywhere with the whites. A New York dispatch says:

"Nearly 2,000 negroes shouted their approval here today when various speakers, addressing a meeting held under the auspices of the Equal Rights league, urged the adoption of radicalism among negroes as a means of obtaining their rights."

"One speaker suggested 'following the constructive work done by blacks in Washington' while others advised 'using all methods, even force' and 'making maximum use of the force of our propaganda,' and 'stopping the white man treading on our toes.'"

The Rochester, N. Y., Herald has a new job cut out for the Anti-Saloon League. It would make the league mandatory for Germany.

## ... HOROSCOPE ...

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1919.

PLANETARY influences strongly conflict today, according to astrology. While Mercury, Jupiter, Neptune, the Sun and Venus are all in benefic aspect, Saturn, Mars and Uranus are adverse.

During this configuration the mind is likely to be more or less upset. Uncertainty, misgivings and even depression may result if the brain is sensitive to psychic impressions.

Through the safeguarding of thought and the maintaining of a positive mental attitude it is possible to dominate conditions instead of being ruled by them.

Owing to the peculiar astrological forces, minds not well controlled are likely to suffer from confusion. Insanity may increase greatly.

At this time, wholesome ideas in literature and art should be presented. Love and hate must gain cohesion before the final adjustments of peace are accomplished, the astrologers declare.

London will have exciting events, if the news are read aright, and fire will cause serious damage.

Treachery and double dealing are predicted in new international relations. The passage of Saturn through Leo is likely to have had effects in certain quarters.

The death of a famous author is foretold. This will be closely followed by the passing of one of his friends, also a national figure.

Race questions will come into prominence next month, owing to some dramatic event or extraordinary occurrence, astrologers predict.

Astraphs supposed to be especially aided by the gods aspects of Uranus will reach a surprising point of development within a year, because of peculiar demand for their services.

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## Hudspeth and Mexico.

CONGRESSMAN C. B. HUDSPETH, in a speech before Congress Saturday, urged the passage of the Emerson measure, calling for the stationing of American troops in Mexico until a stable government is established there.

Through most of his argument, the El Paso congressman showed a better knowledge of the subject under discussion than usual, except that he praised the Madero administration and assailed that of Huerta for "cruelties and treachery."

He brought out a new bit of history in his own career when he declared that he once stood up and talked right back to Pancho Villa when that arch villain was at the height of his power. Border history contains no record of it, but the El Paso congressman says he went to Pancho once to tell him he must give back some American property and that Villa told him he wasn't afraid of Americans; that American soldiers were cowards. Then the present El Paso congressman says he bristled up and said right back to Pancho—and the surprise of it is because we all know what a habit it was of Americans not to do such things when they were in Pancho's camp—that the time would come when Pancho would "cringe before American soldiers." The time may come, and all of us have hoped that it would, but Mr. Hudspeth ought to have thought to tell us about it at the time he told it to Pancho. We would have enjoyed it more, so much more, then.

Regarding Huerta: People who know Mexico, know that Huerta, with the possible exception of De la Barra, who was only in power during the short period between the downfall of Diaz and the elevation of the dreamer Madero, was the only man since Diaz who had a ghost of a chance to restore peace to Mexico. Huerta was of the type who could have brought order out of the chaos of that country, if he had been given a chance, but the American government—both the Taft and Wilson administrations—refused to see the light, and instead of being helped, Huerta was hounded out of Mexico, then to his death in El Paso.

For some unaccountable reason, against the advice of the American minister, both Taft and Wilson saw fit to believe the romances and the idealists and set themselves against Huerta from first to last. Thus they threw to the winds the only opportunity to restore peace in Mexico. While we allowed the bandit Villa to operate at will, even encouraged him, we were arresting and hounding to death old Gen. Huerta. Villa repaid us by murdering the people of Columbus and making us the laughing stock of the world when we started after him with an army and returned home empty handed.

Indulging in criticism of Huerta has usually been a popular thing to do for some reason or other, but not just for we all know by now that it takes just such a man as Huerta and will take just such a man for years to come, to keep order in Mexico. Madero's fiasco proved that the Mexicans are not yet ready for self government and democratic principles as we know them here. Madero was a weak dreamer, incapable of handling a country made up of such spirits as people Mexico. His removal would have been a Godsend to Mexico, if only a Diaz or a Huerta had been sustained by the United States long enough for order to be restored. Mexico requires firmness and Huerta had it. He might have put a few out of the way who did not deserve it, but meantime, he would have disposed of those who did deserve it, and Mexico would have been safe for foreigners ere this.

There is a terrible hullabaloo raised in this country about the Japs killing a lot of Koreans, but it is difficult to see that there has been an equal amount of interest in the way the Correll family was treated in Mexico. Many Americans do not concern themselves about Americans. The Corrells were Americans.

"Made in Germany" is the inscription which will soon be seen again in this land of democracy, and we may trust the Germans to see that it will get everywhere else in shorter time than most of us think.

The New York World is out with a solution of the Mexican problem and that is to make Hayti and Mexico mandatories for each other and let nature take her course. It might not be bad.

There is talk of sending our jobless prohibition experts to England to convert our recent ally. A new method of twisting the lion's tail?

It will be interesting to note whether Gen. Manuel Dieguez has better success against Pancho Villa than he had with Col. "Bill" Greene.

In Mexico it is always an open season for Americans.

These fish have been given by persons, for as soon as they are lifted out of their accustomed atmosphere of high water pressure they explode. Lake Baikal has played an important part in Russian affairs. It lies directly in the way across the continent and before the railway was built around the southern end of the lake it had to be crossed by Siberian travelers going either east or west. In summer steamers carried freight and passengers, but in winter the lake was icebound, traffic depended on slow work of an icebreaker—a steel ship that could cut ice four feet thick, and when the ice became too thick for the breaker, sledges made the 40 mile trip over the ice. During the Russian-Japanese war, when troops had to be rushed from one end of the empire to the other, Lake Baikal was a great obstacle to speed, until engineers laid tracks across the ice sheet and ran trains across it.

## Travelette

By NIKSAH.

LAKE BAIKAL.

LAKE BAIKAL is the great lake of Russia in more than one sense. It is the deepest lake in the world, and one of the largest, and besides it is, to the Russians, holy. The people who inhabit the region of Lake Baikal firmly believe that both the lake and its surroundings are endowed with supernatural powers and inhabited by unearthly beings. All manner of weird tales mingle with the explanations of any feature of the lake.

Even so simple an object as a great rock lying in the middle of a river just where it flows from Lake Baikal takes on a mysterious significance. If this stone were to slip from place, they say, the whole of Lake Baikal would pour out of its basin and flood the river and probably the continent.

Yet even without native interpretation many things are strange about the great Russian lake. One of Baikal's phenomena is a species of fish that inhabits the deepest part.

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